

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to PCT Appln. No. PCT/US2004/003451 filed April 1, 2004, and to German application 103 16 521.5 filed April 10, 2003.

At page 1, line 2, please add the following heading and subheading as shown below:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 7, please add the following subheading as shown below:

2. Description of the Related Art

At page 2, line 2, please amend the paragraph as shown below:

The polyvinyl butyral, consisting of actual PVB resin itself having a relatively high content of free OH groups and a plasticizer, is used as a rule as 0.76 mm thick film, which is bonded to the glass panes by heating and pressing in vacuo. The PVB is very sensitive to changes in temperature and in relative humidity. In order to prevent the PVB films from sticking to one another, for example, the rolls of film must be stored at low temperatures prior to use. This moisture sensitivity may lead to increased opacity in the polymer films and ultimately also to bubble formation in the laminated glasses. This effect occurs in particular at the edges of the laminated glasses. During the production of the laminated glasses, these effects can be avoided

by appropriate acclimatization and conditioning of the PVB films, but these effects can nevertheless be caused, for example, by moisture entering at the edges in the course of time during the use of the laminated glasses. This phenomenon of delamination by penetration of moisture and chemicals has already been found before the introduction of PVB as intermediate polymeric layer, and attempts were made to eliminate the problem by an improved design. The problem is also eliminated, at least optically, merely by applying coatings to the edge zones. Although this avoids ~~esthetic~~ aesthetic impairment, the actual problem of delamination is not eliminated. A further disadvantage of the PVB films is the plasticizer content thereof. This plasticizer may be exuded in the course of time, which may lead to a change in the mechanical properties of the PVB film, i.e. the film becomes brittle and fragile. The laminated glass loses its safety effect in these places. Moreover, the exudation of plasticizer may likewise lead to delamination phenomena, beginning at the edges of the laminated glass.

On page 4, line 19, please add the following headings and paragraph as shown below:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It has now been surprisingly and unexpectedly discovered that polysiloxane-urea copolymers also containing urethane linkages, prepared from both linear and branched, isocyanate-reactive organopolysiloxanes, produce films which exhibit high mechanical properties in laminated glass structures, while being economical to manufacture. The laminating safety films also have high moisture resistance and low moisture absorbtion.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT